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FROM FIELD AND STUDY

Occurrence of Black-tailed Godwit in Kalgoorlie.—A party of five Black-tailed Godwits (*Limosa limosa*) was observed on a dam in Kalgoorlie on December 21, 1952. They were identified by the white wing stripe and rump, and the long legs, trailed in flight. A loud squeak, like that of an immature White-headed Stilt, was emitted prior to flight. Unfortunately, at least three of the birds were destroyed and left floating in the dam. This enabled a photograph to be taken, and measurement of the tarsus, 67 mm. One bird remained on the dam and was still there when I left Kalgoorlie on February 5, 1953.

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Early Appearance of Jewel Beetle.—The beautiful green jewel beetle, *Stigmodera gratiosa* Chevrol. (*W.A. Nat.*, vol. 3, 1952, p. 145, col. pl.), commonly found on flowers of *Hakea*, *Leptospermum*, etc., first appears in early September and early October. This year (1953) a specimen was collected alive and sent to the Museum at least over two months before it usually appears free.

Master Andrew Clarke found this jewel beetle on July 5 at Lesmurdie, and it arrived at the Museum in a very active condition next day. This is our earliest record of jewel beetles being found free in the South-west. Of course individuals may be cut out of their host trees and shrubs while they await satisfactory